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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated August 20, 2009, the Examiner states that Claims 1-67 are pending, Claims 51-67 are withdrawn, Claims 1-28 are rejected and Claims 29-50 are allowed. By the present Amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 1-28.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi (JP 2000-249821) in view of Kobayashi (US 2002/0006558). Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections. However, solely in the interest of advancing prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-28 rendering the present rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more applications directed to these claims in the future.

Since Claims 29-50 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. Moreover, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of previously withdrawn Claims 51-67.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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